

Receipt date: 02/27/2008

| | | | | | |
|--|---|----|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| IDS Form PTO/SB/08: Substitute for form 1449A/PTO | | | | Complete if Known | |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i> | | | | <i>Application Number</i> | 10/568,686 |
| | | | | <i>Filing Date</i> | October 5, 2007 |
| | | | | <i>First Named Inventor</i> | Davide Sarchi et al. |
| | | | | <i>Art Unit</i> | 1791 |
| | | | | <i>Examiner Name</i> | |
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 | <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | 09877.0373 |

| U.S. PATENTS AND PUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | Document Number | Issue or Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
| | | Number-Kind Code ² (if known) | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

Note: Copies of the U.S. Patent Documents are not Required in IDS filed after October 21, 2004

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | Translation ⁶ |
| | | Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | | | | |
| | | EP 1 297 371 B1 | 04/02/2003 | PIZZINAT et al. | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

| NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | Translation ⁶ |
| | | BARLOW et al.; "Anisotropy in Spun Single-Mode Fibres", Electronics Letters, vol. 18, no. 5, pp. 200-203, (1982) | |
| | | PIZZINAT et al., "Influence of the Model of Random Birefringence on the PMD of Periodically Spun Fibers", WJI, Proceedings of Conference OFC03, Vol. 1, pp. 366-367, (2003) | |
| | | CORSI et al.; "Analytical Treatment of Polarization-mode Dispersion in Single-mode Fibers by means of, the Backscattered Signal", J. Opt. Soc. Am. A, Vol. 16, No. 3, pp. 574-583, (1999) | |
| | | WAI et al.; "Polarization Mode Dispersion, Decorrelation, and Diffusion in Optical Fibers with Randomly Varying Birefringence", IEEE Journal of Lightwave Technology, vol. 14, no. 2, pp. 148-157, (1996) | |
| | | | |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Examiner Signature | /Queenie Dehghan/ | Date Considered | 04/08/2010 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /QSD/